

Minutes of September 12, 2011

The Meeting was opened at 5:30 PM; all members were present.

The Chair announced that the Board had a working meeting with the Finance Committee just prior to this meeting to give them updates regarding the School Bond and the progress of road repairs due to the Storm Irene.

Ms. White announced a thank you to all of those that assisted during Storm Irene, especially the Fire Department, EMTs, Police Department, Barbara Marchione, Larry Davis and all the others who volunteered during the storm.

Update on Hatchery Road – Mr. Charles Loring, Selectmen's Liaison, advised that work should begin this week.

Mrs. Barbara Marchione, Emergency Management Director, appeared before the Board in regards to securing funding for grants to be written. She asked that William Brinker be appointed as the Deputy Emergency Management Director. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint William Brinker as a Deputy Emergency Management Director.

The Chair presented an update on installing a new doorway at the back of the Town Hall. She advised that a builder sent by EDM was at the Town Hall this afternoon with preliminary figures and will do an estimate on the project.

Ms. Prudence Spaulding appeared before the Board to share information and ask for help with senior programs. Ms. Spaulding stated that she has been involved in the Kilpatrick Center, Southern Berkshire Regional Transportation, writing and applying for grants and attending meetings for the Council on Aging. Ms. Spaulding is in the process of scheduling a luncheon for seniors of New Marlborough and the grant money will pay for it if the luncheon is informational.

Prudence Spaulding advised that the Senior Tax Work Off Program now has 14 seniors in the program. Ms. Spaulding stated that she has received a request for a senior to work at the transfer station. The Board will take the request under advisement. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint Prudence Spaulding as Director Of Senior Services.

Nathaniel Yohalem updated the Board on the department head meeting held on September 7th. Mr. Yohalem advised that he had met with most of the department heads and discussed with all departments a five year capital plan, to include updating computers, perhaps leasing rather than

buying or purchasing in bulk. Another item brought forth for discussion was the Transfer Station. It was noted that the net cost of operation costs the Town about \$50,000 a year and whether the Town should continue with a Transfer Station after the lease runs out or explore other possibilities. It was also noted that the library has two issues that need to be dealt with - the roof and drainage. Mr. Yohalem advised that he will attempt to have department head meetings done quarterly.

Ronald Leonard questioned who is paying for Hatchery Road to be done? The Chair advised that the Town has already received funding from USDA-NRCS.

Dan Moriarty appeared before the Board to ask for help with the cleanup of debris on the Konkapot River which he believed was causing flooding on Lake Buel. Mr. Moriarty gave an overview of the project, that presently the hired engineering firm is sitting on \$28,000.00 and he has called three State representatives regarding the issue who advised him to apply for a Hazardous Mitigation Grant. Mr. Moriarty states that he has volumes of information and maps for the project for the Board to look at.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput
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